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SUBJECT: EXPORT CONTROLS ON PETROLEUM PRODUCTS

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1. UNFORTUNATELY GCOB MACHINERY IS NOT GEARED UP TO PROPERLY HANDLE A REQUEST TO ADVISE US IF 1972 LEVELS ARE SUFFICIENT TO MEET 1974 REQUIREMENTS. INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED IN REFTEL CARRIED OUT THROUGH MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, WHO ASKED TO COORDINATE WITH OTHER SECTIONS OF GOVERNMENT. EXTERNAL AFFAIRS REFERRED MATTER TO MINISTRY OF TOURISM ONLY, SINCE GCOB'S PRIME CONCERN IS FOR FUEL FOR ITS NATIONAL AIRLINES, PLUS TOURIST BEARING INTERNATIONAL CARRIERS (SCHEDULED AND CHARTER). MAJOR PORTION OF LOCAL PETROLEUM PRODUCT REQUIREMENTS COME FROM SOURCES OTHER THAN US.

2. MINISTRY OF TOURISM'S REPLY AMOUNTS TO A REQUEST FOR US TO MEET THE JET FUEL REQUIREMENTS WHICH BEARS NO RELATION TO PREVIOUS SUPPLIES FROM US (CONVENIENTLY NOT MENTIONING PROMISE FROM BORCO REFINERY TO HELP MEET LOCAL REQUIREMENTS, SEE NASSAU 1966). THE MINISTRY'S FULL REPLY IS BEING FORWARDED BY AIRGRAM AS EMBASSY BELIEVES IT WILL BE OF INTEREST. TO BE SURE LOCAL JET FUEL REQUIREMENTS HAVE GONE UP SINCE 1972, SINCE BAHAMASAIR IS FLYING A MUCH HEAVIER SCHEDULE THAN ITS

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PREDECESSOR, OUT ISLAND AIRWAYS. THEREFORE WE CAN AT LEAST

CONSIDER GCOB AS HAVING REQUESTED AN UPWARD ADJUSTMENT OF JET FUEL AND AVIATION GAS FROM 1972 LEVELS. SINCE ONLY THEIR OVERALL REQUIREMENT FIGURES WERE SUPPLIED, WE HAVE NO INDICATION OF ADDITIONAL AMOUNT DESIRED FROM US.

3. IN ADDITION TO REQUIREMENTS IN THE BAHAMAS, THE REPLY DEALS WITH JET FUEL SUPPLIES FOR BAHAMASAIR AT MIAMI AIRPORT. IT STATES THAT THE MIAMI SUPPLIER HAS ALLOCATED THE AIRLINE ONLY 10 PERCENT (22,000 GALLONS PER MONTH) OF ITS NORMAL REQUIREMENTS.

4. REGRETTABLY EMBASSY DOES NOT HAVE CENSUS PUBLICATION FT 410 COVERING FULL YEAR 1972. LISTED BELOW ARE THE BAHAMIAN STATISTICS FOR IMPORTS FROM THE US OF THE PRODUCTS NOW SUBJECT TO EXPORT CONTROLS. AS THESE FIGURES ARE PROBABLY INACCURATE, EMBASSY REQUESTS THAT THEY BE COMPARED TO US EXPORT FIGURES IN FT 410. PLEASE ADVISE US OF THOSE FIGURES WHICH VARY SUBSTANTIALLY FROM US EXPORT FIGURES: CRUDE PETROLEUM - 74,580,701 GALLONS; AVIATION GASOLINE - 257,947 GALLONS; GASOLINE - 115,715 GALLONS; KEROSENE - 16,482 GALLONS; JET FUEL - 24,300 GALLONS. OTHER CONTROLLED PRODUCTS DO NOT SHOW UP IN BAHAMIAN STATISTICS.
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